

GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal Saturday, April 30th



NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

The Greenville Police Department in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration will participate in the 2nd National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 30, 2011. There will be two locations in Greenville to drop off prescription drugs. The locations will be at the Wal-Mart parking lot (Greenville Mobile Command Unit will be present)) located at 205 SW Greenville Blvd. and at the Greenville Police Department located at 500 S. Greene Street. The police department location will feature "curb side service" where citizens can pull to the front of the police department and drop off their items. The times for both locations will be from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

The purpose of this National Take Back Day is to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.